

Mr. B-G's Four Ways of Responding to Literature

1) **Literal sense:** What is going on? Describe the events or story. Answer who, what, when, where, why and how as appropriate.

2) **Emotional triggers:** What personal associations do you make? What did the reading make you think of? How did it make you feel?

3) **Intellectual curiosity:** What ideas or questions does this raise for you? What is the author trying to do in this story? Why do you think he or she wrote this piece?

4) **Writer's craft:** What did you notice about the way the piece was written? What style, craft or use of scene/details/character/plot/humor can you incorporate into your own writing? What did you enjoy about this piece? What didn't work so well? How would you revise or change it?

- When asked for a "4 way response," write one to two paragraphs for each of the four ways, responding to all the prompts.

- When asked for a "1 way response," pick any of the four ways and write one to two paragraphs responding to the prompt.